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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-48 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,672,745. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Nevertheless, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer thereby rendering this sole ground of rejection moot. The Terminal Disclaimer fee under 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(5) is included herewith.

Having rendered moot the only ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in immediate condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

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